Presidential Listening Sessions offer one on one with directors

Marlon WhiteEagle Editor

Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland and department directors were available for questions and answers during the two hour Presidential Listening Session held at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Presidential Listening Sessions will be conducted from August 17 through September 10 in various Ho-Chunk communities.

A Milwaukee Listening Session was held Monday, August 17, while the Baraboo Listening Session was held on August 19. Listening Sessions will be held in St. Paul, Black River Falls, and Wittenberg during the latter weeks of August, and in La Crosse, Tomah, Chicago, Madison, Green Bay, and Nekoosa during the early part of September.

As people gathered in the House of Wellness cafeteria, President Wilfrid Cleveland began the second of eleven Presidential Listening Sessions by thanking attendees and executive directors for taking the time to voice their concerns.

"I would especially like to thank the executive directors for do-

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ing what I asked of them. Many of them haven't been confirmed, but still took the time to come hear your concerns. By this time during my previous term as president, all the executive directors had been confirmed and were working towards their goals. I'd like to see change in this confirmation process," said President Cleveland.

At the July 7 Legislative Meeting held in the Legislative Conference Room at the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building, Legislature voted on the president's initial executive director nominees. The results are as follows:

Legislature accepted the nomination of Malachi Emery as the Executive Director of Housing.

Legislature accepted the nomination of Sandra Gleason as the Executive Director of Treasury. Gleason was also confirmed by the Legislature.

Legislature denied nomination of Francis Steindorf for Executive Director of Social Services. Stephanie Lozano was later nominated for the position.

Legislature accepted the nomination of Ona Garvin as the Executive Director of Health.

Legislature denied the nomination of William

Gardner for Executive Director of Personnel. Carol Garvin was later nominated for the position.

Legislature accepted the nomination of Robert Mann as the Executive Director of Heritage Preservation.

Legislature accepted the nomination of Amanda WhiteEagle as the Attorney General. WhiteEagle was also confirmed by the Legislature.

Daniel Libke declined nomination as Executive Director of Labor. Tracy Thundercloud was later nominated for the position.

Legislature accepted the nomination Adrienne Thunder as the Executive Director of Education.

Legislature accepted the nomination of Karena Thundercloud as the Executive Director of Administration.

Legislature denied the nomination of Angie Waege for Executive Director of Business. Legislature has accepted the nomination of Rob Reider as Executive Director of Business, but denied his confirmation to the position.

At the Baraboo Presidential Listening Session, each of the executive directors present gave an introduction and brief update on their perspective departments. "I'm in charge of the Trea-



Executive Director of Heritage Preservation Robert Mann talks with tribal elder Marion Miner at the House of Wellness.



Executive Director of Business Rob Reider answers questions from Carson Funmaker at the Baraboo Presidential Listening Session.

sury Department, where we monitor the nation's capital and investments. We have the loan department. We take care of the nation's payroll, and oversee grant spending," said Executive Director Gleason.

"I'm the acting Executive Director of Business. I oversee the gaming properties, the c-stores, the hotels, the food and beverage establishments, and the campground and the RV park. The business department is still working hard toward upgrades at each gaming site," said Executive Director Reider.

"I'm the Director of Labor. We do trainings for safety. We have the 477 Federal program and the LTT program. LTT is the Limited Term Training program. It's a 4 week program where Ho-Chunk tribal members or Native America descendants can train for a position within a department, said Executive Director Thundercloud.

"I'm the director of the Heritage Preservation Department. I oversee the Language Division, DNR, Enrollment, Cultural Resources, and Veterans Affairs. New this year, we hired a museum director," said Executive Director Mann.

"My name is Malachi Emery. I'm the head of housing. We are currently addressing the need for more apartment complexes. We also have the Ĥome Ownership Program. We are working hard towards address the housing needs of tribal members," said Executive Director Em-

"Hello. I'm Karena Thundercloud, from the Department of Administration. I oversee the branch offices, IT, Maintenance, Transpor-

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Brockway homicide case headed for trial

CASSANDRA COLSON REPORTER

John Cook was playing with his hair with a blood-stained shirt nearby when a police officer found him sitting on a Black River Falls lawn just hours after authorities believe he stabbed a woman to death, according to testimony Tuesday in Jackson County Circuit Court.

BRF Officer Tom Cooper believed Cook was under the influence of drugs after speaking with him around lunchtime on May 17, and he noted the 23-year-old was somewhat incoherent and lied about his real name before arresting him for obstructing an officer.

The testimony came during a preliminary hearing in which Judge Anna Becker found probable cause to bind Cook over for trial on a charge of first-degree intentional homicide in the stabbing death of 30-year-old

Jacinda Muir.

An arraignment date has not been set. Cook remains jailed on a \$1 million cash bond.

Muir's body was discovered facedown and bloody about 11 a.m. May 17 at the area commonly known as "the dog park" after a 911 call for help. Cook later admitted during interrogation that he was "just going to beat her up" in the wooded area of the park, but the incident ended when the 23-year-old stabbed and cut Muir 54 times with a large knife he regularly carried in his waistband, according to the criminal complaint.

Cook and Muir were considered in a relationship on social media, and Cook said he angered Muir when he stole \$40 worth of methamphetamine from her at her residence the day of the homicide. The two also had smoked together in a BRF garage before driving to the

pet park, where Cook said he scared her into the woods, according to the criminal complaint.

Kelly Bakken, a Jackson County Sheriff's detective, testified that Cook recounted how Muir "just wouldn't die" and "just wouldn't go down" as he stabbed her.

"... and he continued to stab her," Bakken said.

Cook then left the wooded area and the park on foot and walked a trail before eventually ending up at a BRF residence where he showered and changed his clothes. He was discovered by Cooper after a call about a passed out man on a lawn about four blocks away.

Cook, who said he did more drugs after leaving the pet park, eventually would help investigators recover the knife in a puddle where he washed his hands and placed the tip of the knife in mud. Cook told Thy/18/2015

John Cook

investigators he was "sketching out" after Muir became upset about the theft of the meth, and he believed she had people following him, according to Bakken's testimony.

"He wasn't completely sure how he ended up in the location where he was arrested," Bakken said. "He described it as a bad dream ... He believed he was being followed

Cook's public defenders raised questions about another individual and the 911 caller, who apparently knew Cook and are believed to be the individuals who came and took the car Cook and Muir drove from the pet park, leaving Cook to walk from the scene.

Defense attorney Carly Sebion asked Bakken about what knowledge the pair may have had of the homicide, but Jackson County District Attorney Gerald Fox successfully objected to much of the questioning.

Cook was on bond at the time of the homicide for a 2014 case where he is accused of participating in an armed robbery of a man with what later turned out to be a BB gun. He also had been charged this year with possession of drug paraphernalia and felony bail jumping.

Dear Editor,

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice is currently participating in the presidential listening sessions. To provide clarification, the DOJ represents the Executive Branch, and is committed to defending the sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation and representing the Nation on those matters that concern the Nation's interests and welfare. The DOJ does not represent individual tribal members.

Sales taxation appears to be a reoccuring issue. As a resource, the State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue published "Wisconsin Taxation of Native Americans," which provides limited guidance. See https://www.revenue. wi.gov/pubs/pb405.pdf.

A common question or variation consists of, "I am Ho-Chunk, and I live on Ho-Chunk Nation trust land; why does a vendor/seller (e.g., cellular telephone company, cable or satellite company, gas or electric company, etc.) impose Wisconsin sales tax?" If you are Ho-Chunk tribal member and live on Ho-Chunk Nation trust land, vendors/sellers accept a "Wisconsin Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate," and they will stop imposing Wisconsin sales tax. The reason

for exemption is contained on the form under "Other," as "[t]angible personal property, property, items and goods under s.77.52(1)(b)m(c), and (d), or services purchaced by a Native American with enrollment #_ __, who is enrolled with and resides Reservation, on the where buyer will take possession of such property, items, goods or services." See https://www.revenue.wi.gov/ forms/sales/s-211.pdf.

Another common question, "I am Ho-Chunk, and I live on Ho-Chunk Nation trust land; why do I pay Wisconsin sales tax at the store (e.g., Walmart,

Target, Zinke's, Gordy's, etc.)?" Oftentimes, it is followed up with a variation of the following statement, "Wisconsin Oneida Nation members do not pay sales tax at Walmart, Sam's Club, and Festival Foods." The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin entered into a commercial lease to a non-Oneida business that developed the shopping center (Walmart, Sam's Club, and Festival Foods) within its reservation boundaries on trust land. Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members pay sales tax because those stores are outside of the Nation's trust lands, and therefore Ho-Chunk Na-

tion tribal members pay sales tax on items purchased at the store.

If you have individualized questions about sales tax, then please contact the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Customer Service Bureau. Alternatively, if you have more indepth questions about taxation, then it would be best if you contacted a taxation attorney to assist you.

Thank you,

Amanda L. WhiteEagle, Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General

EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) found in Jackson County

Submitted by Mark Gawron, HCN Forester

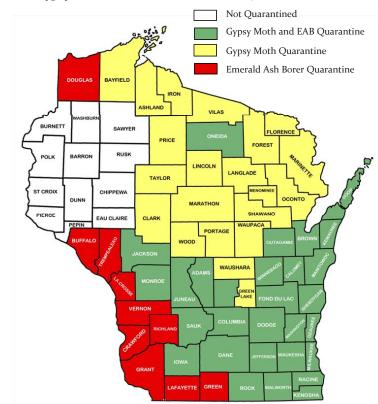
The emerald ash borer (EAB) was detected for the first time in Jackson County and specimens were confirmed positive by USDA APHIS on August 12th.

On August 6th, WDNR collected four EAB larvae form a symptomatic ash tree located at the city of Black River Falls at the WDNR Service Center. Of the six ash trees present on site, three appear symptomatic with woodpecker flecking, sprouting and thinning canopies. Additional symptomatic trees were observed across Hwy 54 and near the Days Inn.

This find represents the first detection of EAB in Jackson County and DATCP will proceed with a quarantine now that it has been confirmed positive.

Those attending the BRF Labor Day Pow Wow are asked to purchase / gather firewood within Jackson County. Also, please leave any unburned firewood at the BRF Pow Wow grounds to prevent the spread of any forest pests (EAB, Gypsy Moth, & Oak Wilt). Thank you for your cooperation!

Gypsy Moth and Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine Counties



This map is current as of August 19, 2015

New quarantine areas may be added at any time. For updates visit http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov or call 1-877-303-WOOD (9663).





Firewood Movement in Wisconsin

Two quarantines affect firewood movement by the public: one for the gypsy moth and one for emerald ash borer.

Loggers, timber haulers, and sawmills are regulated. The inspections and certifications they receive to move hardwood firewood **ARE NOT** available to the general public.

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NOT PERMITTED

Green to any other color Red to White or Yellow Yellow to White or Red

Firewood on state properties

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- DATCP-certified firewood can be used at any WI State Park.
- You can bring firewood to state campgrounds if it was harvested within 10 miles and obeys the permitted list above.
- Firewood from quarantined areas in other states is not allowed into non-quarantined counties of Wisconsin.
- If you are driving with firewood between two permitted areas but through a RED or GREEN quarantine area, limit your stops to the amount of time it takes to refuel your vehicle.

If visiting a private, county, or municipal campground, call ahead to your destination for specific firewood policy information.

Ho-Chunk weight loss program gaining momentum

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

With the new program, the only thing participants are gaining from losing weight is money.

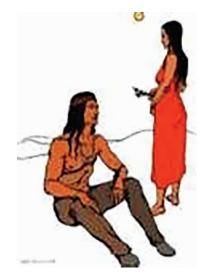
That's because the top losers receive an incentive for all their hard work.

The "Shape Shifters" program, formerly called "Fry Breaders," is a weight-loss program that uses a cash prize as incentive.

"We changed the name because it wasn't a name that was really good to be associated with losing weight," said Melissa McKee, recreation coordinator with the District One Community Center. "We changed it to 'Shape Shifters' because it reflects that our bodies are changing as we lose weight and it gives a Native feel."

About two and a half years ago the program restarted after it had been on hold for

a while. Each of the sessions goes for one quarter, or three months, and each person is required to pay \$20 to be involved. Then, at the end of the time, the person who has lost the most weight is given the pool of money. This applies to separate women's and men's



"For the first time, this last session we included people in Wisconsin Dells," McKee said. "We had 77 women and 30 guys in the program last time.'

The payout was \$1,580 for the women and \$600 for men. Eventually, McKee would like the program expanded to all the Ho-Chunk communities in Wisconsin.

"Last quarter everyone did an awesome job" McKee said. "Everyone lost 10 to 20 pounds. They all worked hard.

Top female loser was Tanya Kessan, who lost 21 pounds, or 12.62 percent of her bodyweight, while top male loser was Curtis Prescott, who last 50 pounds, or 13.54 percent of his bodyweight.

Combined weight lost from all of the participants is 589 pounds. The only time the participants are weighed is at the beginning and end of the current quarterly program.

With the program currently being conducted, the jackpot is \$1,040 for the women and \$300 for the men.

The prizes have been expanded for weight losers this session. Now, they have added second and third prizes of \$100 Walmart gift cards.

Besides striving for the goal of losing weight, McKee makes sure participants knows how to lose weight is a healthy fashion.

"We let them know how to get hold of nutritionists," she said. "We want them to lose weight healthy – not by means of a crash diet. Because it's just not healthy."

McKee said she enjoys seeing people become healthier because of the program.

"It's fun to watch them create their own goals and see them reach them," she said.

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tation, the Newspaper and Planning. We are working to meet the IT needs of the nation. We also have 3 new community building going up in Madison, Wittenberg, and Mauston," said Executive Director Thundercloud.

"I'm the Executive Director of Health. We are excited to report our pharmacy was projected to bring \$3 million in revenue, but has exceed that mark and will be nearly \$5 million. That'll free up NPD money for other areas," said Executive Director Garvin.

"My name is Adrienne Thunder, the Executive Director of Education. We have the Head Starts, School and Community Relations, the Higher Education Division, and our new division, the Culture and Community Education," said Executive Director Thunder.

"I'm Attorney General WhiteEagle from the Department of Justice. I oversee the Police Department, Surveillance, Compliance, the Register of Deeds and the Election Board. New for the department, we have one attorney at the Law Enforcement Center serving as a Prosecutor," said Attorney General WhiteEagle.

No one was present from Social Services and Personnel at the House of Wellness Listening Session.

One question directed to President Cleveland was regarding to the nomination of



President Wilfrid Cleveland gives opening comments during a listening session.

the Business Department Executive Director.

"I've nominated someone with gaming experience, and the Legislature didn't accept that person. I've nominated someone with a business degree, and they didn't accept that. I've also nominated someone with business experience, and they didn't accept that individual as well. I asked who they want in that position and they said that it's my place to nominate someone. I don't know who they want. But not having someone is hinder our ability to move forward," said President Cleveland.

Mark your calendars for your community's Presidential Listening Session to bring your voice to the table.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Sept. 11th which will be published on Sept. 18th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



of walking, hiking and strength training; no running. Workouts start light and progress over the 10-week period. Equipment and weighted packs will be added over time. Workout plans provided for off days.



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Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

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Grand opening held to celebrate new Tomah youth building



Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

The new Tomah Youth Services building will give children the chance to grow and lean in a spacious, clean environment.

A grand opening of the new building was held Friday, August 21, allowed the public to celebrate the new place for the benefit of the youth.

The previous Tomah Youth Center, sometimes referred to "Bat Hall" because of the vermin inside, was part of the Veterans Services buildings near the Veterans Administration Clinic in Tomah. The building was built during the World War II era and has seen better days.

The grand opening allowed visitors to take a tour of the

facility, at 430 Julie Street, to partake of a meal and to attend the ceremony in the gym of the facility. The building holds many classrooms, a



Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland

kitchen, offices and a large exercise room, which is open to the public.

Also, plans are to use the front of the building for the Wellness Center, which isn't open yet.

"Our ancestors prayed to have these kinds of things," said Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland at the ceremony in the gymnasium. "We should be appreciative for those sincere prayers."

District II Legislature Representative Henning Garvin said that the process began many years ago with the enthusiasm and work from then representatives Jim Greendeer, Andrea "Pepper" Estebo and John Holst.

"When they heard that the building may be up for sale, Jim went right over and looked into the possibility of buying it," Garvin said. "Pepper took action, making sure there was adequate funding for the purchase by setting up an account. At the top of her



District II Legislature Representative Henning Garvin

list was the purchase of this building."

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Tomah Youth Services Director Marty Ybarra

Coordinated Services Team Coordinating Committee offers special training event

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

A special meeting was held to gather all people who deal with the social issue of Ho-Chunk youth.

A Ho-Chunk Social Services entity, named the Coordinated Services Team, held a training event held at the Lunda Community Park on August 18.

It provided an opportunity to welcome new members to the Coordinating Community, along with thanking on-going members for all of their hard work and dedication over the past year.

The event also promoted outreach to the community---both within the Ho-Chunk Nation and beyond---to the local community in an effort to expand the scope of the Child and Family Services Resource Center, according to Desiree Gearing-Lancaster, program manager.

"The primary focus of this special meeting was to learn, connect and celebrate," Gearing-Lancaster said. "In addition to outreach and making connections, important information was shared among participants as related to enhancing systems of care

for at-risk youth and families."
Lunch provided by Child and
Family Services Resource Center

staff.
The afternoon speakers and trainers included John Pluegers, Ho-Chunk Nation Behavioral Health, who presented information and training related to Trauma Informed

Another speaker was Dan Naylor, specialist with White Pine Consulting Service, presented a training session named "The Coordinated Services Team Initiative Coordinating Committee---Learn, Connect and Celebrate."

This session focused on the history of coordinated services teams, wraparound services, evidence-based programming, the key principles of collaborative systems of care, historical trauma, collaboration with families, and team development, Desiree Gearing-Lancaster said.

Also, the event provided the means to connect with all organizations who are committed toward the same goals.



Caroline Blackdeer tells participants about the goals and objectives of having all organizations on the same page when delivering services to youth and families.

Youth learn to weave cattail reed matts through LEAF project

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

When it comes to indigenous Native American art, preservation of the skills is vitally important.

For that reason, officials from the Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) organized a craft session to teach young artists the art of making cattail reed mats.

Youth from the Nekoosa Youth and Learning Center gathered on Thursday, August 13, at the Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground, to learn from one of the experts in the field. Delia (DeCorah) Maisells, who has been creating art and crafts the traditional way for decades, gave a lesson on how to correctly weave cattail reeds.

Each group of youth gathered cattail reeds from the campground lake made their own small sample of weavings.

If they had continued the project, the end result would have been a full-size reed mat, used to waterproof the sides of ciiporoke. The mats were woven with a curvature of the reeds facing outward, therefore repelling rainwater when

the mats were suspended on the sides of the houses.

Delia was born in Tomah, but presently lives in Belgium on the eastern side of the state

"I've been doing crafts since I was little," she said. "Now, I sell my crafts and art at various craft shows, rendezvous and powwows."

Much of her work is with beadwork and jewelry and her son, Rick, takes her to all the events and sells his leathercraft work. While Delia's art business is named "Glory in the Morning, Rick owns and runs a business named "DeCorah Leathercrafts."

One notable aspect of Delia's life is that her father, Rushus DeCorah, was involved with the Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Her father told tales of meeting Queen Victoria.

While the youth worked on their cattail reed projects, Delia told them how Native Americans used to put the seeds from a cattail into babies' leather diapers, so that the interior could be thrown away and the leather diaper reused. She also told that oak leaves were often placed in



Jasmine Chapman holds some cattails she gathered from the lake's edge.



Showing the proper technique, Delia (top) offers some advice to (clockwise from left) Aidan White Eagle, Shyanna Crosby, Jasmine Chapman, Sierra Eklund, Avery Lockman, and Aric White Eagle.

moccasins to absorb moisture and make walking a bit softer.

The event was part of the LEAF role in the "Ho-Chunk Experience," which is conducted throughout the Wisconsin Dells area in conjunction with events put on by the Ho-Chunk Casino and Convention Center in Baraboo.

"This workshop is a reflection of LEAF's mission, 'to preserve and promote American Indian/First Nations culture through the arts,' said LEAF Director Melaine Tallmadge Sainz.

"The setting allowed our children to experience the entire process, from harvesting the materials, learning the folk art form from a Ho-Chunk elder, and weaving a small mat with the help of others," she said. "We're so thankful to our LEAF donors Bob and Kathy Lemanchik who helped to make this workshop possible."



Avery Lockman and Carmella Smith cut reeds with

help from Youth Coordinator Angeline Decorah for

material of making reed mats.

Youth Coordinator Aaron Geister helps Jasmine Chapman and Cameryn Collins maintain the correct pattern when arranging the cattail reeds.



Delia Maisells demonstrates how to properly cross the reeds and to keep them tight in order to create a reed mat.

Ho-Chunk Youth Centers display summer projects

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk youth centers from around the area put on displays to show what they did this summer.

The displays were in place on Monday, August 24, in the atrium of the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building.

"Every center was represented," said Ho-Chunk Youth Services Director Lanette Walker. "They were here to showcase their accomplishments."

Part of the summer enrichment curriculum was STEM. which is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

They were doing some culture, too," she said.

Each of the center emphasized a different component had the product of their work on display.

Several students from the Black River Falls combined efforts to make a drum. That drum was the subject of a raffle on Monday to raise funds for activities.

Youth from Tomah Youth Center showed many survival and nature-oriented components, such as devices to start fires, snares, fire holes, and leaf identification examples.

The youth from the Milwaukee center were working on their dance regalia and showing those efforts.

"On Sept. 11, it is Indian Education Day at Summerfest," Walker said. "So, they were making many of their regalia for that observance."

Madison incorporated the video game Minecraft as a means to teach the elements of STEM into the lessons.

The youth of the La Crosse grew their own organic vegetables at Clearwater Canyon Farms. Also, they learned about making maple syrup. "Respecting Mother Earth' was the theme for the La Crosse Center youth instruction for the summer.

Wittenberg youth showed the different structural components in layers of soil.

Nekoosa youth displayed making crafts from nature, such as cattail mats to protect buildings from rain.

"There's a lot to what we do. It's just a matter of being creative," Walker said. "They're learning skills that will last a lifetime.





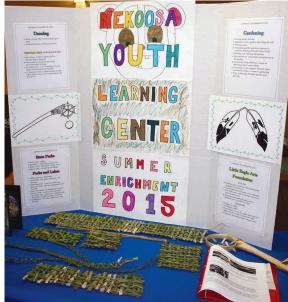












Learning while earning

Eli Smith

Summer Youth Reporter

The Youth program inolves many positions to young adult students. Giving young people an opportunity to absorb the experience of adulthood; working, sustaining a job for a period of time and working on skills such as time management and networking. The program is a great source for kids in high school to understand the hardships of taxes, and becoming a mature adult. For these young people to have this program should be mindful of what they are receiving, many adults didn't have this opportunity to experience this at a young age. But again this is good for the younger generations, helping them get ahead of life and be ready for the hardships in the future.

Youth work also involves both non formal and informal education, because it is necessary to provide young people

with a variety of experiences. Non-formal education being an organized educational activity outside formal systems. That will help them pursue their rights and responsibilities as individuals and as members of groups and communities. It is extremely important to provide a facility for young people to grow and flourish academically, but also encourage them to participate in and challenge the circumstances that are ahead of them. I interviewed a few other youth workers and they described the program as an opportunity to network, meet people, learn communication skills and to just being with other kids their age.

Josh Cloud, who is employed in the language division with many other language students. Has really enjoyed being at work, while working diligently, he wishes that they offer higher capacity of youth students his age.

Josh explains that learning the language is fun especially with friends, by doing this he would like to keep our lan guage going. Many enrolled students in the Ho-Chunk Nation do not know much of the language, which is not good for a tribe. Giving that, more students of our generation should be taught the language, by doing this it can heal our cultural connections with one another and keep our nation together. Knowingly that many of our elder speakers are leaving us, we are in a dilemma. By learning, we can save our language and culture.

As a youth worker working within a multi-cultural society. I feel it is not only a responsibility to encourage personal development, but also help them adapt to living in a multi-cultural society, respecting others and other cultures. Also to introduce them to issues such as sex, drugs, sexuality, crime, then allowing



Ryan Decorah speaking with Graciana Rave in the **Labor Department.**

them to reflect and question them. However serious issues are not always welcomed in youth clubs, because they are seen as a form of formal education. Therefore how it is

With the dawning of a new millennium and technology moving forward at the rate it is. I feel that as a youth worker education is a two way process. It is not only

young people who need educating, I too have a lot to learn In order to keep up with the constant changing social and political agenda. Compared to education in youth work today, the implication of education in the development of youth work in the early days was similar but not quite as complicated as today.

Ho-Chunk Nation begins Sponsorship with Riverkings

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature/ Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation met with The Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings for a \$5000.00 check presentation on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at the South Wood County Recreation Center in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. The Ho-Chunk Nation is starting a 2 year sponsorship with The Riverkings which begins this season. The Sponsorship will include free admission to Ho-Chunk Youth for all home games and discount tickets

for Ho-Chunk Nation members. There will be a special appreciation night and a ceremonial puck drop at the first game and the Riverkings will have the Ho-Chunk Nation Logo on their green jerseys and helmets. The Riverkings will offer a mentorship provided by the Riverkings players through the Ho-Chunk Youth Program. The Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings are in their second season and are a Junior A Hockey Club. For more information and their schedule you can go to their website at www.riverkingshockey.com.



L-R: Vice President Darren Brinegar, Riverking, Representative DeCamp





L-R: Ross Jewell, Gunnar Morse, Vice President Darren Brinegar, Riverking Mascot, Representative DeCamp, Coach Marty Quarter, Austyn Quarter, Assistant Coach Wayne Brown.

The Riverking

Green Bay Youth wins Gold Medal in Lacrosse at 2015 State Games of America

Submitted by Lynette Le-Garde, HCN Legislature/ Chief Communications

Cruzito Montoya is a Green Bay Area youth who was on the Oneida Warriors U13 Lacrosse team that won the Gold Medal at the 2015 State Games of America in Lincoln, Nebraska on Sunday, August 2, 2015. The team won a medal at the Badger State Games which qualified them for the State Games of America. The Oneida Warriors U15 Team won the silver medal at the 2015 State Games of America.

Cruzito is son to Lori Lopez and Jesse Montoya. He wants to continue to play lacrosse and attend Syracuse University. He is in the 8th grate and he has played lacrosse since he was in 3rd grade. Great Job Cruzito!!!!



Cruzito Montoya

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Wisconsin Dells Area Youth

The Ho-Chunk Nation District 3 Legislators met with Joyce Warner (Education Board Member) for a check presentation on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at the Wisconsin Dells District Meeting. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed a motion in a Finance Meeting that donated \$1500 to each district meeting location to purchase school supplies for the area youth.



L-R: Vice President Darren Brinegar, Education Board Member/Joyce Warner, District 3 Representative Kathy DeCamp

Nekoosa Area Youth for school supplies

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed a motion at the July 29th Finance Meeting to donate \$1500 to each District Meeting location for the area youth to purchase school supplies for the upcoming school year. Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Darren Brinegar and Ho-Chunk Nation District 3 Representative Kathy De-Camp made a check presentation to Angeline Decorah/ Youth Services Coordinator on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 in Nekoosa, Wisconsin. The following District Meeting locations received \$1500 for school supplies which included: Black River Falls, Tomah, LaCrosse, Baraboo, Madison, Wittenberg, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin Rapids/Nekoosa, Green Bay, Chicago, and Minneapolis/ St. Paul.



HCN Vice President-Darren Brinegar, Youth Services Coordinator - Angeline Decorah, HCN District 3 Representative-Kathy DeCamp.

Milwaukee Area Youth

Ho-Chunk Nation District 4 Legislator Shelby Visintin met with Angela Twinn from the Milwaukee Branch Office on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 to complete a check presentation. The Milwaukee Area was a recipient of the \$1500 school supply donation which was passed at the last Finance Meeting in July.



L-R: Ho-Chunk Nation Representative Shelby Visintin and Angela Twinn

Green Bay Youth

The Ho-Chunk Nation District 3 Legislators presented the Green Bay Area Youth a \$1500 check for school supplies. Vice President Darren Brinegar and District 3 Representative Kathy DeCamp made the check presentation to the Green Bay Branch Representative – Mary Lo-

pez on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at the Green Bay Branch Office. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed a motion to donate \$1500 to each district meeting location for school supplies in the July 29th Finance Meeting.



HCN Vice President - Darren Brinegar, Green Bay Branch Office Representative - Mary Lopez and HCN D3 Representative - Kathy DeCamp

South Wood County YMCA

The Ho-Chunk Nation made a \$5000 Donation to the South Wood County YMCA. Vice President Darren Brinegar and Ho-Chunk Nation District 3 Representative Kathy DeCamp met with the South Wood County YMCA Executive Director/CEO – Bret Salscheider for the presentation at the South Wood County YMCA. The presentation took place on Friday, August 14, 2015 in Port Edwards, Wisconsin.



HCN Vice President Darren Brinegar, YMCA Executive Director Bret Salscheider, HCN D3 Representative Kathy DeCamp

Aldo Leopold Foundation holds first Building a Land Ethic Conference

Submitted by Lynette Le-Garde, HCN Legislature/ Chief Communications Officer

The Aldo Leopold Foundation held an inaugural "Build-



ing a Land Ethic" Conference on August 12-15, 2015 at the UW-Baraboo/Sauk Campus in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Ho-Chunk Nation District 2 Legislator David Greendeer was featured in the welcome address to the participants. He welcomed the attendees to Ho-Chunk Country and spoke about tradition, language and passing that on to future generations in a new format. Representative Greendeer created a calendar which he designed for teaching purposes and also a video titled, Renue."

Ho-Chunk Nation District 2 Representative David Greendeer welcoming the attendees to the Building a Land Ethic: A Conference on Teaching and Learning Across Boundaries



There were 180 people in attendance at the conference. The organizers of the event were hoping to get 200 people to attend the conference. The foundation would like

to hold the conference every two years. Speakers at the conference included author and educator Drew Lanham, Estella Leopold and renowned environmentalist and writer David Orr. For more information about the Aldo Leopold Foundation you can go to their website at www.aldoleopold.org.

SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Stacey Schreiber, Petitioner, v. Brian K. Decorah, Respondent.

Case: 15-37

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Brian K. Decorah

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. *See* Recognition of Foreign Child Support Orders Ordinance, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Neva Littlegeorge, Petitioner, v. Justin C. Decora, Respondent.

Case: 15-41

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: <u>Justin C. De Cora</u>

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. *See* Recognition of Foreign Child Support Orders Orders Orders, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor: K.J.R., DOB 08/23/2011 J.D.R., DOB 12/19/2013

Case : JV 15-27 JV 15-28

TOTHE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGALOR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): KARYN LOUISE YOUNGTHUNDER

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled guardianship case. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene an *Guardianship Hearing* in accordance with HocAk Nation Third Party Guardianship Act, Para. 11.13a. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at 10:00 am on the 2th day of September 2015 for the following purpose: MATERNAL Guardianship Hearing. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying Certificate of Service to the presiding judge. See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 5(B). Pursuant to Hocak Nation Third Party Guardianship Act, Para. 11.13c, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: 'THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.' THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor: A.V.G, DOB 1/06/2014

Case : JV 14-13

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): Angelina Blackdeer

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled guardianship case. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene an *Guardianship Hearing* in accordance with HocAk Nation Third Party Guardianship Act, Para. 11.13a. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at 1:00 pm on the 17th day of September 2015 for the following purpose: Guardianship Hearing. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying Certificate of Service to the presiding judge. See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 5(B). Pursuant to HocAk Nation Third Party Guardianship Act, Para. 11.13c, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

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Board to re-examine land trust issue

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The Sauk County Board will again consider a resolution to oppose a local Indian tribe's request to take land into trust.

Last month, the board postponed its discussion on a resolution involving the Ho-Chunk Nation's request to place 450 acres in the town of Delton into trust. At the time, Sauk County Board Chair Marty Krueger said he and other county leaders should attempt to meet with the Nation's leaders before taking a position on the matter.

The tribe submitted a similar request several years ago, and had plans to use the property for a shopping mall, IMAX theater and resort. However, due to complications, the request was dropped and re-filed earlier this year.

Sauk County officials have previously opposed the tribe's plans, saying that making the land tax exempt will create a

larger burden for remaining taxpayers within the county, town and school district, and would give an unfair advantage to certain businesses.

The resolution will be considered again Tuesday night during the board's monthly meeting in Baraboo.

Also Tuesday, the board will consider the adoption of law enforcement policies that are necessary in order for the county to continue to receive Community Development Block Grant funds.

The policies bar officers from using excessive force against anyone engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. They also prohibit officers from physically barring entrance to or exit from any facility that is the subject of such demonstrations.

In other action, the board is slated to consider the renewal of a five-year lease with WIN for the county's fiber optic cable, which connects multiple communication towers. A fiscal note from Sauk County

Controller Kerry Beghin says the county stands to raise nearly \$3,500 in revenue from the agreement.

The county would go on record in opposition to a flea market in the town of La-Valle if the board approves a resolution that came from its Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Committee. The resolution would disapprove of a zoning change in town that would make way for the business.

The LaValle Town Board also opposed the change. And the resolution that will be considered by the county board Tuesday states the property owner failed to provide a site plan for parking.

The board also will consider an updated flood plain ordinance. The approval of the ordinance is required in order for citizens in affected areas to continue to be eligible for the national flood insurance program and other types of disaster relief. Also up for consideration Tuesday night is a resolution that would eliminate the board's Personnel Committee from the hiring and firing of department heads. The proposed change came out of a discussion that the board's Executive and Legislative Committee had about the powers and duties of the county's administrative coordinator.

Former Sauk County Administrative Coordinator Kathy Schauf left her post in July to accept a job in Eau Claire County. Following her departure, supervisors opted to discuss the possibility of moving to a county administrator system, which would give more authority to the position.

The resolution up for approval Tuesday states that members of the Executive and Legislative Committee decided that the Personnel Committee's role in the removal process was unnecessary, because oversight committees

typically have more knowledge about a department head.

Sauk County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Director Brentt Michalek has been appointed as an interim administrative coordinator until the position can be filled.

The board also will consider a \$34,000 contract with Robert Half Technologies to update the county's land use and permit tracking system. The county's Management Information Systems Department does not have employees capable of completing the update, the resolution states.

Another resolution up for consideration Tuesday would require that changes to ATV or UTV routes or crossings must be approved by the Sauk County Board. Approval of the resolution would place a county ordinance in compliance with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requirements.

County changes mind on Ho-Chunk land trust

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The Juneau County Board has decided to reverse course on land regarding the Ho-Chunk Nation.

On Tuesday, the board of supervisors voted 17-4 to approve a resolution resending a previous letter to the Nation that opposed the placement of land in the towns of Lyndon and Kildare into trust status.

A letter dated May 17, 2011 from the board to the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs opposed placing the land, more than 300 acres, into trust status because it would remove the property from county tax rolls, resulting in a loss of about \$83,000. Despite opposition from a group of residents in the Lyndon/Kildare area, the board believed it was in the best interest of the county to continue its strong relationship with the Nation and end its opposition.

At the previous county board meeting in July, a legal representative for the Nation said it was likely it would move ahead with the trust regardless of county opposition.

"We're not in control with what the Bureau of Indian Affairs does with its federal money, so what we do is meaningless," one county board member said Tuesday. "We ought to negate this (opposition). But, we should also look into what we could do that would benefit both towns."

Since 2008, the Nation has helped with several road construction projects in the county. The board, citing a "relationship of mutual health" between the county board and the Nation, decided to continue its favorable relationship.

County Board Chair Alan Peterson said there's a possibility the county could reimburse the towns affected by the trust status with funds the nation has proposed through future projects.

One board member said "if we work with the Ho-Chunk, I think they will certainly be able to work with Juneau County."



Helping to decrease the pig population in Birnamwood



Submitted by Joey Daniels, Sr. Manager Public Relations, HC Gaming-Wittenburg

For the past few years the Birnamwood Fire and EMS Department have been raising funds by organizing the event, "Pulled Pork in the Park". Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg has helped show the community their support by sponsoring the entertainment with this year's event held on August 29, at the Birnamwood Village Park. Money raised from the event will go towards the purchase of equipment that is used for the community and visitors.

In past years, the monies raised went to purchase a thermal imaging camera, a rescue 6X6 and a life pack 12 lead defibrillator. Local residents benefit from this life saving equipment, they also get to enjoy great entertainment at the fundraiser. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg is proud to support events which help local communities.

HO-CHUNK GAMING WITTENBERG

Help save a Life

Submitted by Joey Daniels- Sr. Manager Public Relations, HC Gaming-Wittenburg

The Wittenberg Area Fire and Ambulance Protective Services District has teamed up with Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg and will be holding a fundraising opportunity at the much anticipated "Saturday Night Showdown"; a live professional boxing event on Saturday, August 29, 2015 on the property of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. Guests can purchase tickets online at ho-chunkgaming.com/wittenberg. Doors open at 5pm with fights starting at 7pm.

Look for the Wittenberg Area Fire and Ambulance Protective Services District team under the tent where they will be working the concessions stand. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of new equipment to help save lives in the community. All proceeds will go towards upgrading and replacing the AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators); a medical device that analyzes the heart's rhythm that saves 50,000 lives each year. If necessary, it delivers an electrical shock which helps the heart reestablish an effective rhythm; known as defibrillation.

AEDs are vital to the work that the Wittenberg Area Fire and Ambulance Protective Services District supplies to our community. Come support a great cause and help save a life, while doing so, you can also enjoy five bouts of nonstop action and entertainment and have a chance at winning \$1,000 Cash at the end of the

Tickets are on sale now. Visit Ho-Chunk Gaming.com/Wittenberg for more information. \$50 Ringside includes \$25 Rewards Play and \$25 General Admission includes \$10 Rewards Play. Must be 21 years or older to attend the event and help support the Wittenberg Area Fire and Ambulance Protective Services District.





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The Veterans Affairs Establishment and **Organization Act is out for** 60 days for comment. Comments may be submitted to the Legislative Paralegal and Legislative Counsel. You can submit comments via email to Jessica.Parker@ho-chunk.com or by phone at 715-284-9343 ext. 1286.

MEETING NOTICE DISTRICT 2

BARABOO AREA MEETING

Monday, September 21, 2015 - 6:00 p.m. House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Rd

LA CROSSE AREA MEETING Monday, September 14, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. LAX Branch Office 724 Main St

TOMAH AREA MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 - 6:00 p.m. Blue Wing Community Bldg. 320 Epoch

MADISON AREA MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2015-6:00 pm Madison Branch Office 1320 Mendota St

Posted on: August 24, 2015





HO-CHUNK NATION DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Affairs Advisory Board

September 11, 2015 Date:

10:00 a.m. Time:

Location: TOB-Veterans Affairs Division Conference Room

The Division of Veterans Affairs encourages all veterans and interested individuals to attend.

Should you have any questions comments or concerns please contact the Division of Veterans Affairs at (715)284-4563.

This meeting notice is posted in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meetings Act.

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Thank you to brother Chester and Courtnay Dick and family who graciously accepted the blessings and each one of his helpers he called upon to assist throughout. You know who you are. The ones who provided dad's clothes and dressed him. Our aunts for dressing mom with the beautifully crafted outfit. The honor guards, Charles Hindsley and Mark WhiteEagle. Sisters Manda & Roseanne and their crew of cooks for all the delicious meals. The Ho-Chunk Nation, Church Chapters, the individuals and families who donated in every way. Joe WhiteEagle and the Legion Post 556, relatives and friends who traveled from near and far to pay their respects. The relatives who took time to come to our homes to encourage and show their love and support as well. Gary Picha and his services. Lastly my family for being there with all their love and support. I love you all! "Finally brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, just, pure, lovely and are of good report, if there is any virtue and anything praiseworthy, meditate on these thing." Philippians 4:8

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Thundercloud Youth Golf Academy graduates learn golf and life lessons

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

Three Ho-Chunk youth were honored at a recent graduation ceremony of the Thundercloud Youth Golf Academy.

Reyna Brinegar, Lorena Brinegar, and Jonathan Thomas received their diplomas and congratulatory gifts for completing the golf lessons during the season. The graduation ceremony was held on Thursday, August 20, at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo.

The Academy was created on the belief that adults need to give the youth opportunities to expand their dreams and experiences. Youth can achieve their goals in life with a desire to learn and take on challenges.

Andy and Quentin Thundercloud, founders of the Academy, have many years of experiences teaching and training individuals.

According to Quentin, the golf program is designed and planned to assist youth who would like to take on the challenge of golf. The sport is very expensive, so a scholarship program was created to assist with the costs to the youths who are sincere and accept the programs detailed requirements.

The program begins with an application for the youth with questions based on their accomplishments, educational goals and family support. With these objectives in mind, students are selected based upon their application and interviews with the family.

The Brinegar sisters, Reyna, 14, and Lorena, 12, and Jonathan Thomas, 13, were selected as students to the Academy this year. Parents of Reyna and Lorena are Darren and Maria Brinegar. Samantha Thomas is the mother of Jonathan.

"I'm not sure every one of them are going to become a golfer, but they learned many things in the process. They learned to hang in there. And since they decided to do something, they learned they needed to finish it," Quentin said.

"They learned to support each other. Of all things that happen in our lives, support is important," he said. "These three young people learned the etiquette of golf. It teaches them to be considerate of other people and to be honest."

Andy Thundercloud said he started playing when he was in his mid-20s and has been playing ever since.

"I tried it and fell in love with it," Andy said. He quit for a while after he finished high school. Later he started again and fell in love with it again. This time he went into it with dedication and no hesitations.

"I went to school and became a PGA (Professional Golf Association) certified golf professional," he said. "I can maintain the course, service the golf carts, and adjust the clubs and all the work of running a golf course. But I'm still learning."



Members of the Thundercloud Youth Golf Academy are (front, from left) Reyna Brinegar, Jonathan Thomas, Lorena Brinegar, Diana Thundercloud, (back row) Quentin Thundercloud, Maria Brinegar, Samantha Thomas, Darren Brinegar, and Andy Thundercloud.

Often no one is watching when they take a swing and mark down the score. It would be easy to cheat. But being honest is the right thing to do and they learn that when playing golf. They not only need to be honest with other people, they need to be honest with themselves.

"It's a great game. From golf, you learn discipline, you learn the rules. No one stands over you – you have to abide by the rules. I've called a penalty on others and they don't like it. But everyone has to play by the rules."

Golf is less about competition and more about enjoyment.

"Sometimes I get frustrated when playing golf, but I put it behind me," he said. "If you do, you have more fun golfing. The more fun you have, the better you play."







Jonathan Thomas



Lorena Brinegar